



News Release

26 High Court Judges Transferred

The Principal Judge, Hon. Justice Dr. Flavian Zeija, has shuffled 26 High Court judges in the latest judges' transfers that he announced on Tuesday, January 19, 2021.

The changes that will be effective February 22, 2021, will see the current head of the Criminal Division of the High Court, Hon. Justice Wilson Kwesiga, concentrate on winding up his judicial work within the Division, as he prepares for his retirement later this year.

Hon. Justice Michael Elubu, the current head of the Civil Division, takes over the reins of the Criminal Division and will be deputized by Hon. Justice Tadeo Asiimwe (formerly Mbarara Senior Resident Judge), who will replace Hon. Lady Justice Flavia Senoga Anglin who also retires from service next month.

The other changes will see the re-deployment of Hon. Justice Dr. Andrew Bashaija, who has been away on sick leave, to the High Court's International Crimes Division as deputy head, where he will replace Hon. Lady Justice Jane. F Kiggundu, who is on transfer to Mbarara as a resident judge.

The other highlights contained in the Principal Judge's transfer Circular No. 01/2021 has Hon. Justice Musa Sekaana being elevated as new head of the Civil Division of the High Court, where he will be deputized by Hon. Justice Emmanuel Baguma.

Similarly, Gulu Resident Judge, Hon. Justice Stephen Mubiru, is being transferred to Kampala to head the Commercial Division of the High Court, where he will replace Hon. Justice Dr. Henry Peter Adonyo, who has been transferred to Soroti as Senior Resident Judge.

"The changes have been made with a view of attaining more efficient delivery of judicial services," said Dr. Zeija. He adds, "The judges transferred are required to complete matters that are in advanced stages before the handover and relocation to the new stations. They (judges on transfer) should not take on new files."

The transfers also come with re-deployments of Judges: Henrietta Wolayo, Elizabeth Kabanda, and Margret Mutonyi formerly at the Executions and Bailiffs Division of the High Court that was wound-up in December 2020.